Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality; and V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

multifarious duties, they have hardly any time to attend to municipal affairs. Whenever educated men are willing to work for the public good, Vice-Presidents may be elected for Municipal Councils and District and Taluk Boards from amongst the non-official Councillors.

*Reply of Government.*—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 155

Election in all municipalities.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—The elective principle may be introduced into all municipalities.

*Reply of Government.*—The elective system has been introduced in all the municipalities constituted under the Municipal Regulation of 1906. Action is being taken as regards the non-regulation minor municipalities where all the Municipal Councillors are appointed by Government, to bring them under the Regulation or to convert them into unions.

SUBJECT No. 156.

Amildars and Deputy Amildars to be *ex-officio* members of the District Board.

Mr. Seshadri Iyengar, Tumkur Municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—When doubts arise as to what particular work or works should have preference over others having due regard to the funds available, the opinion of the Amildars is valuable. The non-official members cannot be expected to know the conditions of the whole taluk, and the Sub-Division Officers may not have seen the particular locality. The necessity having been brought to the notice of the Government, it has been ordered that these officers may be called upon to attend the meetings. It is entirely discretionary with the Presidents either to call them or not. In the Madras Presidency all the Tahsildars are members of the District Board. Our regulations may be so amended as to admit Amildars and Deputy Amildars being nominated as *ex-officio* members of the Board.

*Reply of Government.*—The existing rule does not require any modification. If the number of official members is increased there will have to be a corresponding increase of the number of non-official members and such a large addition to the strength of the District Board is not desirable.

SUBJECT No. 157.

Constitution of Municipalities.

(1) Messrs. Dasappa, Chowdaiya and Marulasiddappa, Arsikere Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—(1) Government have ordered that places containing a population of 5,000 and upwards should be constituted into municipalities, the others being formed into unions. The minimum population may be reduced to 3,000 as even taluk head-quarters will otherwise have to be converted into unions.

(2) Mr. S. Dasappa, Bangalore District Board.

(2) The importance of all taluk head-quarters should be maintained by constituting them as independent municipalities.

*Reply of Government.*—The question of constituting all taluk head-quarters into municipalities under the Municipal Regulation of 1906, is under consideration.